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What three words do you never want to hear from your dentist?

Adryanna Dillon (@bonjouradryanna): I'm so sorry.

Jared Rouben (jbrew312): That wasn't NO₂.

Kim Z. Dale (@observacious): Drill, baby, drill.



The final answer to the great mystery of 'Lost' is ...

Adryanna: ... stick to "Sex and the City." Carrie always knows how to make an exit.

Jared: ... Goose Fraba.

Jordan Myers (@jordanmyers): ... Colonel Mustard in the dining room with a candlestick.



How do you put sunscreen on your back when no one can help?

Adryanna: Welcome to 2010: Continuous spray sunscreen cans = genius.

Jared: Set up the Slip N' Slide Jungle Rumble, but instead of water you douse that baby with sunscreen.

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Duchess apologizes for bribery scandal

Associated Press

LONDON Sarah Ferguson once was considered a lively spark, just the thing to brighten up Britain's staid royal family when she married Prince Andrew and became Duchess of York.

But in recent years, the brash redhead has found herself in trouble. She was the royal who struggled to control her weight and balance her checkbook—and often ended up in the tabloid newspapers for all the wrong reasons.

Though work in America improved her bank account and her image, Ferguson took a blow over the weekend when a Sunday tabloid reported that she had offered access to Andrew, Britain's special representative for trade and investment, to an undercover reporter. Her price? Allegedly a half-million pounds (\$724,000), with a \$40,000 down payment.

The News of the World front page read "Fergie 'sells' Andy for 500k" and the story went global. Ferguson issued a statement apologizing for causing embarrassment and a "serious lapse in judgment" and said Andrew "was not aware or involved in any of the discussions that occurred."

Brittany Murphy's husband found dead

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The husband of Brittany Murphy was found dead late Sunday at the L.A. home he shared with the late actress, police said.



Monjack

The preliminary cause of British screenwriter Simon Monjack's death is natural causes, police spokesman Sgt. Louie Lozano said. Another spokesman, Sgt. Alex Ortiz, said there were no signs of foul play or any criminal activity.

Murphy died after collapsing in her Hollywood Hills home Dec. 20.

Firefighters responding to an emergency call from a woman at 9:40 p.m. found Monjack, 39, dead at the Hollywood Hills residence, Lozano said. Ortiz said he didn't know who called. Monjack and Murphy had shared their home with Murphy's mother, Sharon.

Ortiz said the L.A. coroner's office was taking over the investigation because criminal activity had been ruled out.



Shane Bauer and Sarah Shourd plan to get married after they are released from an Iranian prison. The two were hiking in Iran with a friend in July when all three were taken into custody and accused of spying. **AP FILE**

Tied to hope

2 Americans imprisoned in Iran plan to get married

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS The mothers of two of the three Americans held for months in an Iranian prison said Monday that their children have become engaged and plan to marry after they are released.

The mothers of all three Americans are back in the U.S. after visiting Iran to see their children. During the visit, they learned that Shane Bauer had proposed to Sarah Shourd at Evin Prison in Tehran.

"They are going to get married as soon as they have their freedom," Nora Shourd said Monday on "Good Morning America."

Bauer made a ring out of threads from his shirt and gave it to Shourd in the prison's exercise area. The third imprisoned American, Josh Fattal, will be the couple's best man, the mothers said.

The three friends were taken into custody by Iranian forces in July along the border between Iraq and Iran. Their families

say they were on an innocent hike, but Iranian officials have accused them of spying for the U.S.

The three mothers traveled to Iran last week and had hoped to bring their children home, but came back empty-handed.

Over the weekend, Iran's intelligence minister said Iran would be open to a prisoner swap if Washington makes a humanitarian gesture toward Iranians in U.S. custody similar to the one Iran made by permitting the mothers' visit.

Prior to their detainment, Bauer and Shourd had been living together in Damascus, Syria, where Bauer was working as a freelance journalist and Shourd as an English teacher.

Fattal, an environmentalist and a fellow graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, came to visit them in July, and the three went on what their families say was a hiking trip to the Kurdistan region of northern Iraq.

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My pledge to ride every CTA bus line continues. I rode the No. 135-Clarendon/LaSalle Express last week and boiled my review down to a tweet. Check out photos at redeyechicago.com/busride.

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38 min from Clarendon/Windsor to Willis Tower. Rush hour sked. Avoids rush of Michigan Avenue but weaves through downtown. Not for tourists.
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There's room for courtesy on CTA

CTA riders may want to think twice before camping out in priority seating, blasting their music to concert levels or blocking train doors. The creator of a new New York-based website seeks to publicly shame transit riders across the world who can't follow basic etiquette guidelines.

Fed up with riders without manners, Grant Gold of Brooklyn told Going Public he created **violationreport.org** in April as part of a project for a class at the School of Visual Arts in New York. Transit riders submit photos of other riders behaving badly and readers comment on the supposed offenses.

There were 74 offenses posted as of Monday morning. Most are from New York, but Chicago is represented in a picture of a man at the Fullerton Red Line stop reportedly singing loudly to his portable CD player.

Each week, GP receives several complaints about rider decorum. Here are some rider pet peeves via e-mail and comments on the recently revamped GP blog at redeyechicago.com/goingpublic.

Check back throughout the day for more rider annoyances.

TALK TO US

Would you report an etiquette violation? Send an e-mail to tswartz@tribune.com. Please include your full name, age and neighborhood.

Mind if I get by?

There are times when I'm riding the "L" carrying a large bag of student essays, and when I [occupy] the window seat while carrying this bulky bag on my lap, the rider in the aisle seat [will] not stand up for a moment to allow me to exit.

Instead, many, many times the aisle rider [will] barely shift his/her knees, and by the time I [slide] past them, I nearly [miss] my stop. So now, I still take the window seat if I'm not accompanied by a huge bag of essays, but I must take the aisle seat if I am so burdened to ensure that I can make my stop.

—DEPAUL PROF. JOYCE BEAN, 57

Door busters

My No. 1 pet peeve is people who cannot seem to open the back doors of the newer style buses. You know, where you just touch the strips and the door automatically opens. People seem to want to push out, bang, shake, whatever, and then get pissed when it doesn't open.

—ED DELINE VIA REDEYCHICAGO.COM/GOINGPUBLIC

Squeeze play

Easily, my pet peeve is the terribly confused and erroneously excited boarding passenger that insists on trying to squeeze past me and the other three or four scores of people disembarking the train.

—TREO BENNY VIA REDEYCHICAGO.COM/GOINGPUBLIC



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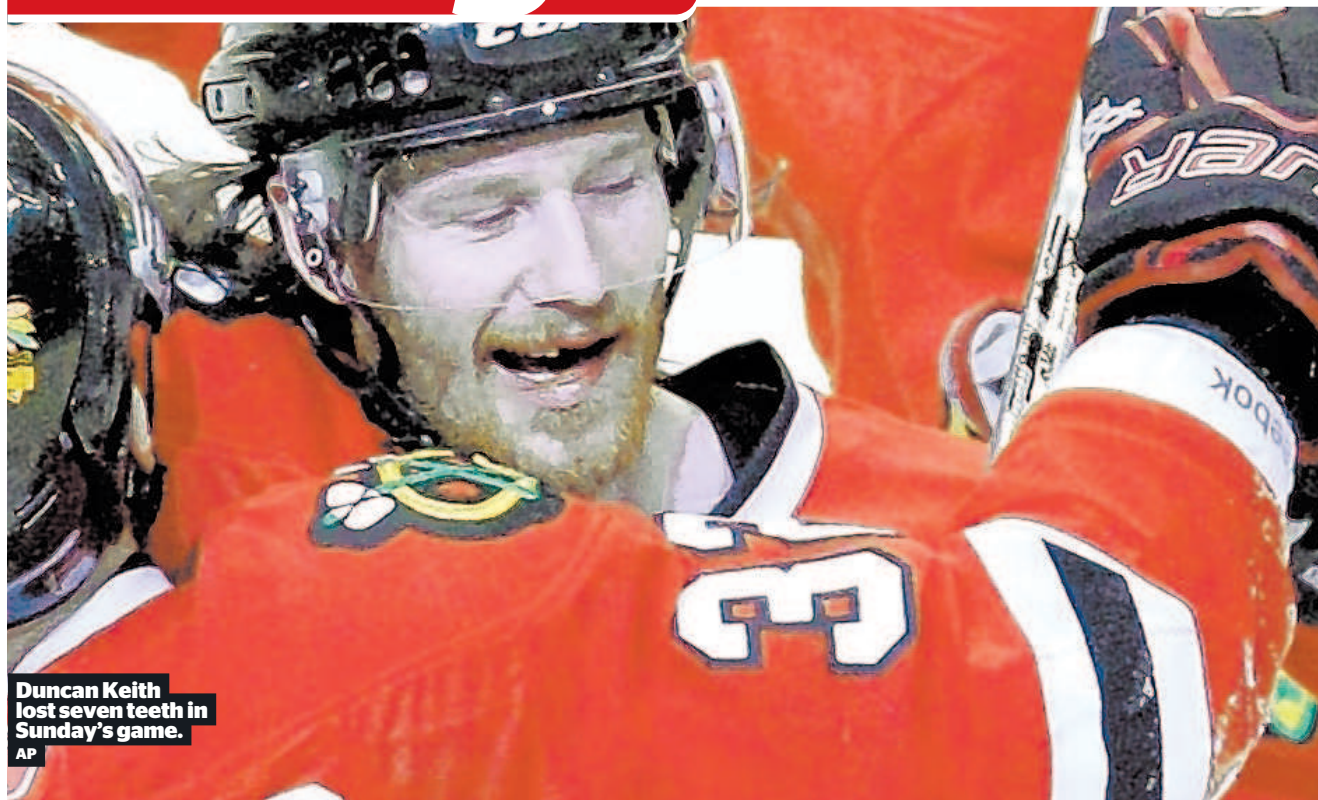
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Duncan Keith lost seven teeth in Sunday's game.
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Duncan teeth

Hawks defenseman faces uphill battle to regain his smile

Chicago Tribune

In the wake of Blackhawks defenseman Duncan Keith's puck-to-the-mouth toothsplosion, a Chicago-area dentist predicts the city's newest sports hero will have a long road ahead before he gets his smile back.

In Sunday night's game, Keith lost seven teeth after being whacked by a flying puck but returned swiftly to help his team earn a trip to the Stanley Cup finals. While few could imagine having any mobility after spitting up tooth fragments and blood, experts say Keith's unwillingness to withdraw from the game was neither unheard of nor particularly risky.

"Running off to the dentist is probably not going to help him right then and there," said Stephen Campbell, head of the University of Illinois at Chicago's department of restorative dentistry. "They probably just gave him some local anes-

CHA-CHING! BLACKHAWKS MANIA IS ON

Debbie Simon had one mission Monday: to buy Blackhawks Western Conference Championships T-shirts and hats for her husband and son. Simon, 54, who's been a fan of the hockey team since 1961, arrived at Chicago Sports and Novelty on Michigan Avenue at 10 a.m. Six people already had beaten her to be first in line.

After the Blackhawks clinched the Western Conference title Sunday, fans spilled into sports stores, called ticket brokers inquiring about Stanley Cup finals ticket prices and inundated the Internet for all things black and red.

"We always carry a bit of merchandise, but this time, we can't seem to keep it in stock," said Chicago Sports and Novelty's manager, Myra Cisneros. And the mania has only just begun, Blackhawks merchants said.

At Clark Street Sports on the Near West Side, employees saw a line of 15 people outside the store's doors around 9 a.m.

thetic, removed any loose fragments, got anything with sharp corners removed and numbed him up."

Campbell said that without knowing the specifics of Keith's injury—the Blackhawks remained mum about it Monday—it's difficult to predict the exact course of treatment.

"On the surface, there are all different kinds of ways of losing seven teeth," Campbell said. "It depends on where the puck struck him and what fractured. With hockey and basketball injuries, usu-

ally it's what's called 'the clinical crown,' teeth that are fractured off at the gum line. Typically those can be saved. If the roots of the teeth have to come out, then that's a different situation."

Another factor, Campbell said, is the sheer number of teeth Keith lost.

"The more teeth that are damaged like that, the more that are missing, the more ramifications that has," he said. "It's just like a bridge—the bigger gap you have, the more pier supports you need on either end."

Teen killed, man injured in shooting

Chicago Tribune

A 15-year-old high school student was killed and a Chicago man in his 20s injured Monday when gunfire erupted between two groups on a Dolton street, police said.

The teenager was apparently an innocent passerby who was struck by a bullet as he walked in the parking lot of a restaurant at the corner of Oak Street and Sibley Boulevard at 2:40 p.m., police said.

"He was not a participant," said police Lt. Harry Blaundin. "It's tragic. It's a young man minding his own business, coming home from school."

Chief Robert Fox said that the teen died after being taken to a hospital in Hammond. The boy, whom police identified as a student at nearby Thornridge High School, had gotten out of school five minutes before the shooting, police said.

The Chicago man who was shot was among the two opposing groups and was hit in the leg, police said.

After the shooting, the two groups ran in opposite directions on Oak. Police do not know exactly how many people were involved or how many guns were used.

"We have no idea what it was about," Blaundin said. "We hope to have some leads soon."

"Hopefully we'll get this solved soon," Police Chief Robert Fox said at the scene. "My thing is to catch the bad guys."

"This happened in the middle of the day."

Don't forget: It's city sticker time

Get ready to pay up if you own a car in Chicago. City stickers, residential parking and guest parking passes now are for sale online at **chicity clerk.com**. Current vehicle stickers expire June 30. Car owners have a 15-day grace period before they can get a ticket for failing to display a 2010-2011 city sticker.

The prices of stickers and parking passes remain the same for passenger cars (\$75), larger passenger vehicles (\$125), annual residential parking passes (\$25) and a set of 15 daily guest passes (\$8). The city sticker will feature residential zone information like last year.

Beginning June 1, stickers also can be purchased in-person at City Hall, City Clerk Satellite Offices, Department of Revenue Substations, aldermanic offices on select dates and more than 400 community vendor locations listed at **chicity clerk.com**. LEONOR VIVANCO, REDEYE

Lawmakers: Reform LGBT immigration rules

By Georgla Garvey

REDEYE

Lawmakers seeking immigration reform stood shoulder-to-shoulder with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender activists Monday as they announced support for a provision to allow people in committed same-sex relationships to sponsor their partners for immigration.

"If Congress will not act, then we must act as communities who believe in comprehensive immigration reform," said Rep. Luis Guterrez (D-Ill.) at the Center On Halsted in Boystown, throwing his weight behind the Uniting American Families Act, which would include LGBT people in

immigration legislation.

The Defense of Marriage Act, signed into law in 1996 by President Bill Clinton, defines a marriage at the federal level as being between a man and a woman. Therefore, same-sex couples, even those married legally, cannot sponsor one another for immigration, as straight married couples can.

The proposed change would allow gay couples in committed relationships to seek visas for their partners. According to Equality Illinois, an LGBT rights organization, there are as many as 40,000 same-sex binational couples, in which one member is a U.S. citizen and the other is not.

Guterrez said the support of LGBT activists

will be essential to achieving meaningful change to the current U.S. immigration policies. He acknowledged that reform measures have yet to gain steam in Congress.

"While we may not have started together, we will finish together," he said to those present, adding that he believed the immigration reform bill he sponsored, H.R. 4321, could pass.

Rep. Mike Quigley (D-Ill.) called the act an example of "family values" that should garner broad support.

"If you're for family values, you're not for splitting up families, are you?" he said. "I think this is all very simple."

Reward for information in dragging death

Chicago Tribune

A group of friends of a man who died after being dragged by a cab has posted a \$20,000 reward to help the investigation.

Daniel Firkins, 32, was pronounced dead about 5 p.m. Saturday after having been in a drug-induced coma for seven days, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. Witnesses say Firkins was leaning in a window of a taxi when the cab took off, dragging him for a block before running over his legs May 14 near his home in West Town.

Firkins' friends have raised about \$20,000 in reward money through e-mail solicitations. If the reward goes unclaimed, a scholarship will be set up.

Since Firkins' death, his family has been making funeral arrangements. His parents, Maureen and David Firkins, went through his apartment Friday in the 1600 block of North Honore Street to move out his items.

"It was terrible," David Firkins said. "That's when we really broke down."

An investigator involved with the case who spoke on the condition of anonymity said there have been few leads in the case. The source said police "know for a fact" that he was with a group of friends who haven't come forward to police yet. Witness statements conflict with some news reports, the source said.

The source also said there is no indication from witnesses that Firkins and the cabdriver were arguing.



Handy Johnson Jr. applied in 1995 to become a Chicago firefighter but never was hired.

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Supreme Court finds bias in city's firefighter hirings

From news services

The Supreme Court dealt a potentially costly defeat to Chicago on Monday, reinstating a discrimination ruling in favor of 6,000 black applicants for firefighting jobs in the 1990s.

In a 9-0 decision, the justices said Chicago had used an entry-level test for the Chicago Fire Department that had a "disparate impact" based on race. And therefore, they said, the city was liable for paying damages to those applicants who had "qualified" scores on the test, but were excluded in favor of those who scored higher.

Earlier this year, a lawyer for black applicants estimated the total damages in the case could reach \$100 million. Monday's ruling is the latest twist in a long-running set of lawsuits over the use of civil service exams for hiring police and firefighters, both in Chicago and elsewhere.

It is the second time in as many years the Supreme

Court has tackled discrimination in testing within the firefighting ranks. In a landmark case last year, the Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision said New Haven, Conn., violated white firefighters' civil rights, throwing out an exam in which no African-Americans scored high enough to be promoted to lieutenant or captain.

In the opinion, Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the court that the applicants' lawsuit over a Chicago test used to weed out potential firefighter trainee applicants was valid. Anyone who scored 64 or below was deemed not qualified. But the city set a second cutoff score of 89 points.

Officials told applicants who scored below 89 but above 64 that although they passed the test, they likely would not be hired because of the large number of people who scored 89 or above. The majority of those in the top-scoring group were white; only 11 percent were black. AP, TRIBUNE

Chicago-style Memorial Day for Obamas

President Obama and his family are heading home to Chicago for the Memorial Day weekend, an administration official said Monday. The first family will arrive Thursday and stay until Monday, the official said.

Potential jurors questioned in Burge trial

A judge has questioned 28 potential jurors in the trial of former Chicago Police Lt. Jon Burge, who is accused of lying about the decades-old torture of suspects. Several people were excused by the judge Monday. Jury selection continues Tuesday.

100K pounds of fish poisoned, no Asian carp

Officials say a poisoning operation on a river near Chicago turned up more than 100,000 pounds of fish—but none of the Asian carp they were seeking. An Illinois and federal team leading the fight to keep the carp from invading Lake Michigan announced the results Monday.

Arrangements set for slain police officer

Arrangements are set for Chicago Police Officer Thomas Wortham IV, who was killed last week in Chatham. Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Leak & Sons Funeral Home, 7838 S. Cottage Grove Ave. The wake will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Trinity United Church of Christ, 400 W. 95th St., with the funeral expected to begin at 11 a.m. TRIBUNE, AP

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—U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Thad Allen on Monday during a White House briefing, indicating he couldn't step in for the company to stop the oil leak even if he wanted to

1 Military repeal hastened

The White House is talking with gay rights activists, lawmakers and Pentagon officials about a push to hasten the repeal of a ban on gays and lesbians serving openly in the military.

2 Jamaican unrest spreads

Jamaica's security forces clashed with masked gunmen allied with an alleged drug kingpin for a second consecutive day Monday as an intensifying multi-front battle against gangs spread to volatile slums outside the capital.

3 Korean show of force

The U.S. and South Korea are planning two major military exercises off the Korean Peninsula in a display of force intended to deter North Korean acts such as the March torpedo attack on a South Korean ship, the White House said Monday.

4 Medical panel bans doctor

A gastroenterologist who persuaded millions of parents worldwide that a common vaccine could cause autism was barred from practicing medicine in his native Britain on Monday after the country's top medical group found he conducted his research unethically.

5 Slipknot bassist dies

Paul Gray, bassist for the metal band Slipknot, was found dead Monday in a hotel room in Urbandale, Iowa. He was 38. Foul play isn't suspected, police say, and an autopsy is planned for Tuesday.



Paul Gray at a 2005 awards show.



Navy teamwork

Students at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., scale the Herndon Monument on Monday to celebrate the end of their grueling first year by placing an officer's hat on top. The 70-year tradition, which used to include coating the obelisk with a slippery lard, might be coming to an end as officials cite “unnecessary injury risk.” AP

PETA stocks up to force change

7 DES MOINES, Iowa An animal-rights group known for sending out scantily clad demonstrators to protest fur and other provocative stunts has gained influence in boardrooms with a more traditional tactic: buying company stock.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has been buying shares for seven years and now owns a piece of at least 80 companies, including McDonald's and Kraft Foods, which both are based in the Chicago area. PETA hopes to influence their animal welfare policies on such things as how chickens are slaughtered or buying pork from suppliers that keep pregnant sows in small crates.

By buying stock, PETA is guaranteed the right to present its ideas directly to officials and other shareholders, many of whom otherwise likely would pay little attention to the group.

“It gives us a new forum in which to present the research we've done to company executives, their shareholders and the public,” said Ashley Byrne, a senior campaigner for PETA.

PETA tries to negotiate agreements with companies behind closed doors, but if that fails, the group submits shareholder resolutions with its proposed changes at shareholder meetings.

Companies don't always change their policies, but Byrne said the effort has paid off. After PETA bought stock, Safeway grocery stores and restaurant companies Ruby Tuesday, Sonic and Burger King agreed to give purchasing preference to suppliers that abide by what the group says are more humane rules, such as not confining chicken and hogs in small cages, she said.

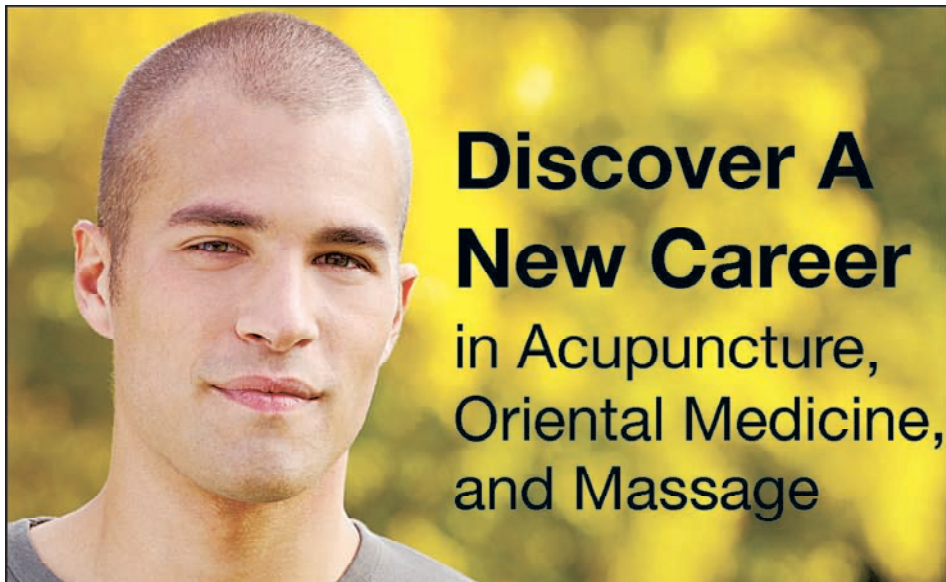
In many cases, shareholders were “horrified” when they learned of some of the production methods used by their companies' suppliers, Byrne said.



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Dear LeBron:

Hey, I know you have a really big decision to make pretty soon, and I just want to help you out with that. We Chicagoans are Midwesterners, which means we don't like to toot our own horn, but I feel I would be remiss if I didn't point out that calling Chicago home would be a smart move. I know New York has lots of big-time celebs who would just love to hang with you, but Chicago also can get in on this grand wooing session. We have celebs, and there are unique things they can offer you. Allow me to imagine some scenarios that might tempt you.

1. We have Oprah Winfrey (right), at least for another year or so. She has some killer real estate on the lake. You could have a fabulous view of the annual Chicago Air & Water Show from her condo.

2. Steppenwolf Theatre Company has an ensemble of talented actors, including that guy from "CSI" and Lt. Dan from "Forrest Gump." I'm sure they could get you front-row seats.

3. In "Empire State of Mind," Jay-Z sings, "If Jesus is paying LeBron, I'm paying Dwyane Wade," or is it "If Jeezy is paying LeBron"? There's some debate about this. Well, let me assure you, LeBron, Chicago's awesome rappers, including Common, Kanye West and Lupe Fiasco, can give you a cool shoutout that is not at all cryptic.

4. Julius Peppers is a guy you will want to hang out with at all the cool clubs. Shortly after signing with the Bears, J ingratiated himself with the club kids by buying them a lot of pricey Champagne and sparklers. Chicago loves this guy now.

—REDEYE'S
EMILY ROSENBAUM MAKI,
ON BEHALF OF THE
CITY OF CHICAGO

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LEBRON WATCH

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DAYS UNTIL
NBA FREE AGENCY

It seems as if the Bulls have been setting themselves up financially to land LeBron James for a couple of years now. The speculation really picked up, however, in the middle of March, when LeBron faced the Bulls at the United Center. Here is a look at some of the events that have fueled LeBronmania.

FROM NEWS SERVICES.

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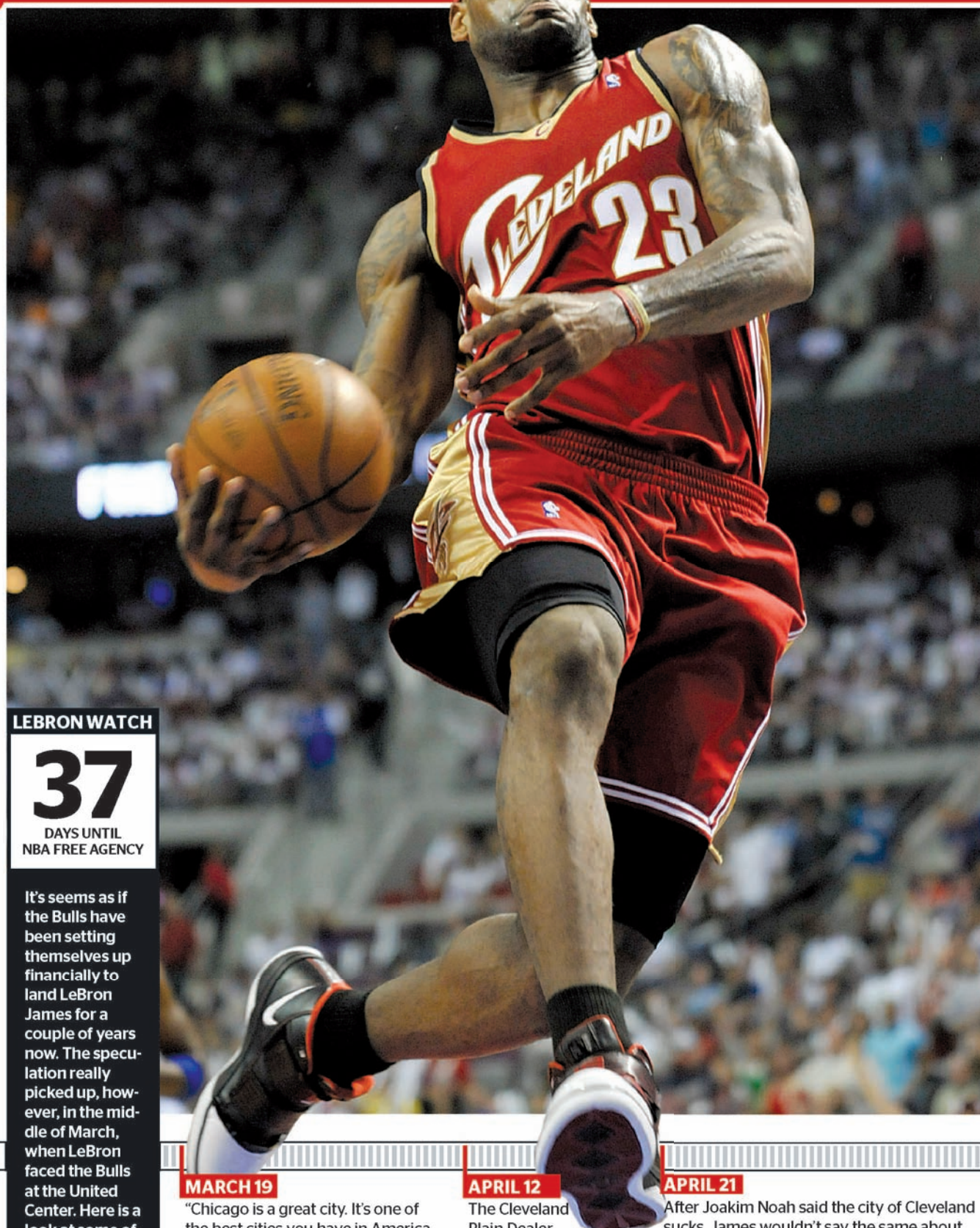
"Chicago is a great city. It's one of the best cities you have in America. From lifestyle to sports town, it's a great city. I know that. You guys know that. Everybody knows that." —James, after a victory over the Bulls at the United Center.

APRIL 12

The Cleveland Plain Dealer quotes a source inside James' camp who thinks the superstar is staying in Cleveland.

APRIL 21

After Joakim Noah said the city of Cleveland sucks, James wouldn't say the same about the Windy City. "It's one of the best cities we have in America. Great restaurants. Great shopping. I have nothing bad about Chicago. ... I think we all love Chicago. I go on vacation in Chicago sometimes," James said.



HOOP DREAMS

LEBRON JAMES IN A BULLS UNIFORM? MANY FANS ALREADY BELIEVE THE HYPE

By Ryan Smith

FOR REDEYE

It's usually not the best idea to walk around Chicago wearing the jersey of a player who almost single-handedly eliminated the Bulls in the playoffs a few short weeks ago. But Damon Lee feels entirely secure sporting his LeBron James jersey.

"It's funny, because you'd think I'd get yelled at for wearing this," said Lee, 23, of Lakeview. "But now when Bulls fans see it, I'll actually get high-fives or positive comments."

Yes, the summer of LeBron is here, even if NBA free-agent hunting season doesn't begin until July 1. Chicago's hype machine already is in overdrive about the possibility that the reigning NBA MVP and superduperstar could leave the Cleveland Cavaliers over the summer and make a flight plan to the Windy City.

The King himself kick-started the rumors in mid-March when he praised the city after crushing the Bulls at the United Center.

"Chicago is a great city," James told the Tribune in March. "It's one of the best cities you have in America. From lifestyle to sports town, it's a great city. I know that. You guys know that. Everybody knows that."

Ever since then, every tidbit of LeBron-related news or gossip has become fodder for the snowballing speculation of the LeBron-to-the-Bulls theory.

Lee already is a believer.

"Not only do you hear it on sports-talk shows and the media, but it seems like every time I talk to my friends, that's the first thing people talk to me about," Lee said. "Personally, I think we'll see 'Bron dunking in the United Center in the fall."

If the 25-year-old forward needs help choosing a destination, cousins and Bulls fans AJ Barthold and J.C. Skupien are here to help. They started the sendlebrontochicago.com website and grassroots campaign to get James in a Bulls uniform. It launched May 9 and already has drawn the attention

of ESPN and Sports Illustrated.

The buzz hasn't stopped with everyday Chicagoans—well-known athletes and public figures such as Brian Urlacher, Jesse Jackson and even President Obama all have chimed in on the possibility of The King to the Bulls.

"You know, like I said, I don't want to meddle," Obama told TNT in an interview set to air Tuesday night. "I will say this: [Derrick] Rose, Joakim Noah, it's a pretty good core. You know, you could see LeBron fitting in pretty well there."

James himself has made few public comments on his basketball destiny. Most of the information connecting him to the Bulls are based on unsubstantiated, Twitter-fueled rumors—did you hear the one about James house hunting with Michael Jordan or hanging out downtown with Dwyane Wade?

The hoopla about James is understandable, said Bulls fan Ricky O'Connell, 22, of Orland Park, who writes about the team for his Chicago sports website Tremendous Upside Potential.

"He's basically the best athlete in the world, and whoever gets him will be a championship contender for years, so it makes sense that people want to know where he's going," O'Connell said.

The possibility of The King making his new court in Chicago is especially enticing to Bulls fans who have suffered a long stretch of mediocrity since Air Jordan put the finishing touches on a second three-peat in summer 1998. The Bulls have missed the playoffs six times in the past 12 seasons, and were easily dispatched in the first round by the Cavaliers this season.

"It was hard to stick with the team through the Tim Floyd, Scott Skiles and Vinny Del Negro eras," said Christopher Cason, 25, a journalism student at Columbia College. "I think LeBron [would bring] a lot of those fans back."

Though Jon Heupel, 32, says he "definitely" would go see a Bulls game if James joined the team, the North Center resident fears that the LeBron mega-hype might be setting the

Social studies

RedEye asked our social media peeps: How would your life change if LeBron joined the Bulls?

TWITTER

@IDMPhoto: Not in the slightest. Now if he joined the Cubs, that might be a game changer.

@metajohnradio: Maybe some of the Blackhawks Bandwagon fans will jump to the Bulls. And I'll be happy to push some of them off!

@brandi_w60: My life won't change, he's another overpriced BABY!

@ksper: The Chicago sports band wagon fans would only continue to increase=EPIC FAIL.

@delaploungee: I would actually have to start watching the NBA again.

FACEBOOK

Joshua Jaime: It would actually be worth paying for those crazy Bulls ticket prices.

Bruno Pieroni: I would stArt caPitalizing evEry thlrd lEtter in evErything I write.

Samantha Jones: NO thank you.

Geoff Henao: I'd turn in my Cubs allegiance for full-fledged, 100% Bulls attention.

city up for disappointment if he opts to stay in Ohio or jet to another of his rumored destinations such as New York, Miami or Dallas.

"I think it's getting overhyped right now and people here are going to be let down," Heupel said. "I'd like to see it happen, but I think he'll go to New York or stay in Cleveland."

RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

MAY 11

ESPN The Magazine's Chris Broussard, who is close with members of James' inner circle, says the Bulls are James' No. 1 option should he leave the Cavs.

MAY 14

» Kentucky basketball coach John Calipari tries to squelch rumors he is linked to the Bulls' head coaching opening and is bringing James with him. "I will be coaching at Kentucky next year," he tweeted.
» New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg says if James asks what it's like to live in New York City, he would give the Cavs superstar a "big sales pitch."

MAY 17

WGN Radio Sports Reporter Justin Weiner gets the rumors flying with this tweet: "Source: LeBron James seen house searching in Highland Park today."

MAY 20

Bears star Brian Urlacher on James: "He would own Chicago. ... I would love for him to come here."

SUNDAY

President Obama tells Marv Albert in an interview to air Tuesday: "I will say this: [Derrick] Rose, Joakim Noah it's a pretty good core. You know, you could see LeBron fitting in pretty well there."

MONDAY

Cleveland fires coach Mike Brown. Is it a move to allow James to hand-pick his next coach?

five on five

Finals exam

Jimmy's growing a beard (see Page 17). What are you doing to show Blackhawks pride? redeyechicago.com/5on5



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1 How are you marking the Blackhawks' trip to the Stanley Cup finals?

Every time they win I put another notch in my chastity belt.

I hereby remove my name from the city of 'adelphia, thus crippling them.

Teaching my 3-year-old daughter how to sing "Chel-sea Dagger." ... Done.

Apparently by eating enormous amounts of chocolate.

Same thing I did last time they made it. Two-liter of Mountain Dew and a Sega Genesis marathon.

2 How could Dustin Byfuglien's postseason get even better (besides the obvious)?

Vowels could be removed from the English language.

People will say his name correctly, and not as though they've seen a really ugly alien.

Big Buff Bobblehead Night, featuring his signature "how ya like me now?" pose.

They could win the Stanley Cup! Was that the obvious?

He could help the Hawks win the Stanley Cup. Wait, what? That was the obvious?

3 What could be the symptoms of Blackhawks overdose?

Every time the Hawks win you have a tooth removed.

Toews, woo! Sharp, woo! Versteeg, woo! Quenneville, woo ...

Calling fellow Blue Line commuters offside if they step on the train before you.

You knock out seven of your own teeth in solidarity with the team.

I'm not overdosing, I can stop singing "Do do-do-do do-do-do" whenever I want.

4 Look at the bright side for the White Sox.

I'm looking but there don't seem to be any lights on.

That's not brightness, that's Ozzie's temper going supernova.

Hey, you got 2005. And that's it.

Hey, at least Ozzie hasn't put Peavy in the bullpen! (Yet.)

They no longer are forced to share laundry with the Bulls, avoiding those embarrassing "Pink Sox" moments.

5 The start of the Cubs-L.A. Dodgers series is the end of ...

... Aramis Ramirez's two-month grace period. Produce. Now.

... the island? The season's already dead, and the Cubs are in purgatory.

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... the time D-Lee is contractually required to stop shrugging his shoulders and hit the #@\$*#\$@ ball.

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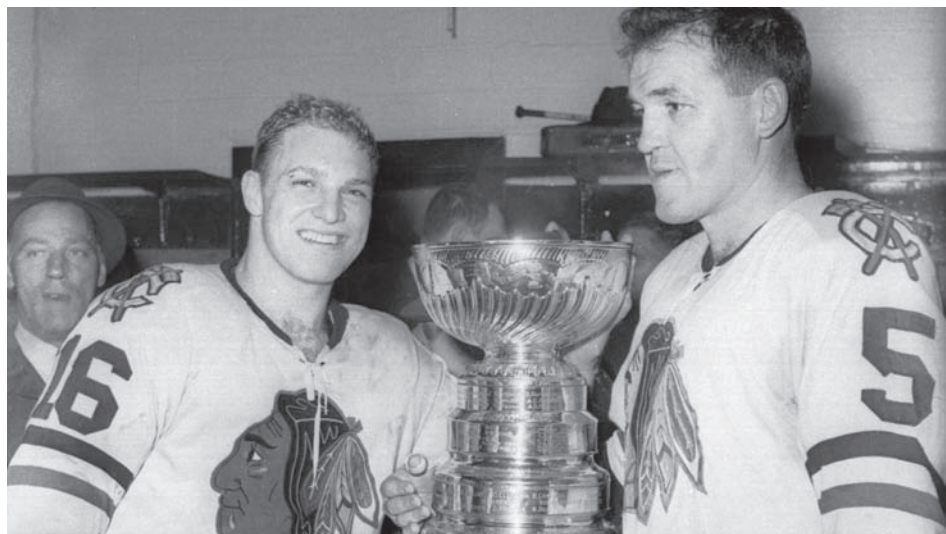
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Bobby Hull (left) and Jack Evans helped the Blackhawks win the 1960-61 Stanley Cup. AP FILE

Hawks stir the echoes from their glory days

By Chris Sosa

REDEYE

For the first time in four decades, Chicago may have a serious case of Hawks fever.

There were inklings of another case 18 years ago, but they didn't take. We'd better check the symptoms and examine the last time the Hawks were this viral. The team last won the Stanley Cup in 1960-61. It then sold out 14 straight seasons—powered in large part by Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita—and reached the finals four more times by 1973.

The current Hawks are on their 99th straight sellout, Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane are this close to becoming full-on superstars (and several teammates aren't far behind) and they've won their first conference title since 1992 after reaching the Western finals last year.

So far, this team's 3-for-3.

But not having been around for the Hawks' heyday, I asked Walter Dockus, a Chicago Stadium parking employee from 1967-82 and a huge hockey fan, to offer some perspective.

We'll use a handful of benchmarks from then and now.

National anthem

Then: "The house lights—they were the old incandescent lights at that time—they were dimmed and I can recall that the U.S. flag was spotlighted," Dockus said. "The renditions of that national anthem were pretty stirring."

Now: The roar for "The Star-Spangled Banner" is as deafening as it is legendary, as fans blow the roof off the UC from the first note to the last.

The sound ...

Then: "One of the people whose car we would handle regularly would be Al Melgard; he was the maestro on the old Barton organ in the Stadium," Dockus said. "He had a knack for knowing how to use that instrument to work the crowd before the hockey games, between periods and so forth."

Now: A digital organ echoes through the UC, and even if they don't know the song's title, "Chelsea Dagger" is burned into fans' minds as the Hawks' goal anthem.

... and the fury

Then: "The building had a reputation throughout the league when it came to hockey [as being] one of the loudest to play in," Dockus said. "On a couple of occasions, I've heard it said the windows actually shattered from the vibration [of the organ]. ... If that's fantasy, so be it. I can't attest to that 100 percent, but that's what I've heard."

Now: The 2009-10 Hawks seized their first division title since 1992-93 and are 34-11-4 at the UC this season, including the playoffs. Unwelcome visitors, beware.

Diagnosis

The Hawks are a Cup away from making this a full-blown outbreak.

"I watched the game [Sunday] and saw the intensity and the noise level and so forth, and I'm sitting there thinking to myself, maybe in some small measure the good-vibe ghosts from 1800 Madison decided to take up residence at the United Center," Dockus said. "Pretty exciting stuff as far as I'm concerned." CHSOSA@TRIBUNE.COM

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Teeth? Mikita lost an ear

Blackhawks defenseman Duncan Keith hopped back onto the ice Sunday after losing seven teeth when he was hit in the mouth with a puck.

But now hear this: Hall of Famer Stan Mikita not only lost teeth playing hockey, he once returned to action after losing an ear lobe.

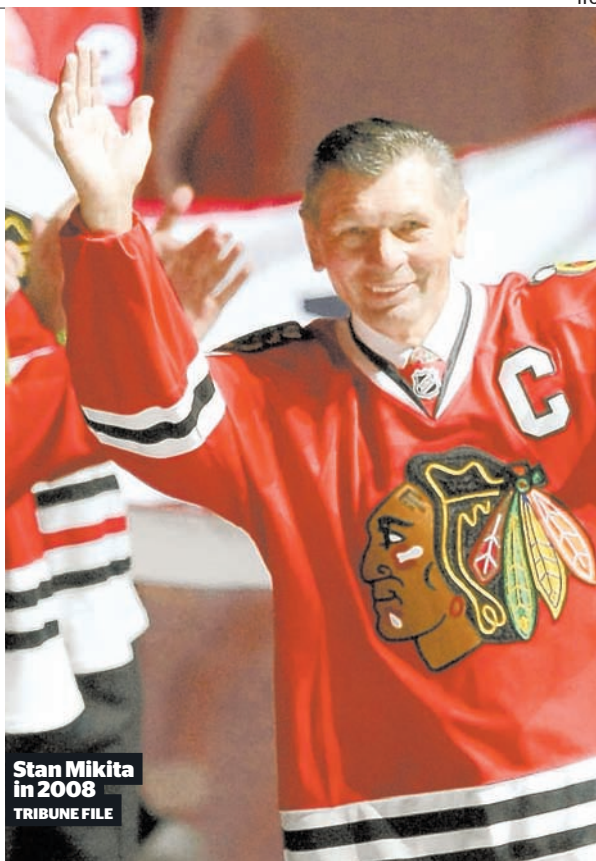
"I got one [puck] glance off my eyeball and my nose that nailed me pretty good. I couldn't see good for two or three days," the former Blackhawks center (1958-80) recalled Monday.

"But the strangest one was in Pittsburgh when we were on a power play and Doug Mohns shot the puck from the blue line. One of the Pittsburgh players put his stick down so that the blade was aimed right at me. It hit the blade, bounced straight up in the air and it cut my ear off ... my earlobe. ... So then they are sewing my ear back on. My wife was watching the game on TV and she thought it was my eye again. So I called her and said: 'It's my ear, and they are sewing it back on; I'll be home at 2:30.'"

Mikita, who celebrated his 70th birthday Thursday, didn't think he would see the Blackhawks in the Stanley Cup finals again.

"Not until Rocky [Wirtz] came along and decided to clean house and hire the right people, including management and players," Mikita said.

"I was 20 years old when we won it in '61. ... You get lucky and you win the Stanley Cup and you say, 'Boy, this will go on forever.' But forever lasted one year."



Stan Mikita
in 2008
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HAWKS BEAT TRUMP, 'LOST'

The Blackhawks' Western Conference title-clinching win over San Jose on Sunday averaged a 14.1 household rating (or almost 494,000 area homes) on NBC. That's better than the 10.3 household rating for NBC's season finale of Donald Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice" and the 9.3 household rating for ABC's final episode of "Lost."

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WHITE SOX 7, CLEVELAND 2

With the help of a four-run first inning, the Sox coasted to a 7-2 win over Cleveland on Monday. Mark Teahen contributed a two-run double and an RBI single in the seventh. John Danks (4-3) earned the win, striking out five.

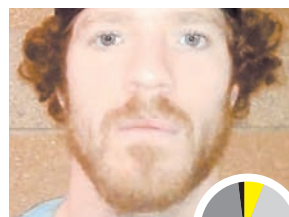
» Could Terrell Owens be headed to the Bears? He got the opportunity to discuss the matter with quarterback Jay Cutler and tight end Greg Olsen when they crossed paths late Sunday night at Underground. Owens tweeted that he was at the nightclub and that he had run into Cutler and Olsen.

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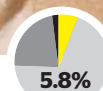
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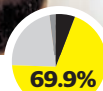
As they await the Stanley Cup finals, Blackhawks Colin Fraser and Andrew Ladd are battling RedEye's Jimmy Greenfield and Alex Quigley for facial hair supremacy. Who's winning? Text **"beard"** followed by the number of your choice to **87708** or go to **bit.ly/heybeardman**.



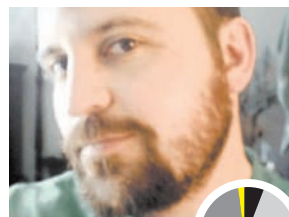
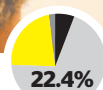
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45 things that make Chicago great, according to people who actually live here

By RedEye and Metromix staffs

For years we sat back and watched as other publications arbitrarily ranked Chicago on their "Best of" and "Top 10" lists, always based on the most traditional features of our diverse town. Last week, **priceline.com**, the William Shatner-touted travel site, gave Chicago the top two slots on its list of Memorial Day destinations—for Millennium Park/the Loop/Grant Park, and for North Michigan Avenue/River North. We've finally had enough.

It's not that we don't appreciate the recognition. We love seeing Chicago's name in lights. Kudos to **askmen.com** for choosing Chicago last month as the No. 1 best city to live in and to **portfolio.com** for slotting us second on its list of the 100 "most fun" cities. But if it means seeing yet another photo of the Bean next to a montage of deep-dish pizza, "Willis" Tower and Perry Farrell (who is not from Chicago, btw), we might just return the award.

So we thought we'd do all of the list-making out-of-towners a Chicago-style solid and throw together a little insider's look at this fine city, brought to them by people who actually live here. It's far from complete, and we've avoided a lot of big names, but can a list like this ever be finished?



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Calumet Fisheries (3259 E. 95th St.). Our hidden gem of a James Beard Award winner.

Joong Boo Market (3333 N. Kimball Ave.). Forget Jewel; this Korean supermarket is our go-to for organic veggies—and a bowl of bibimbap in the mini-restaurant in the back.

Logan Theatre (2646 N. Milwaukee Ave.). A charming cinema showing second-run movies for \$4.

Free music Monday at Empty Bottle (1035 N. Western Ave.)

South Shore Cultural Center (7059 S. South Shore Drive). A Chicago Park District centerpiece further justified by the Obamas' 1992 wedding reception.

Chicago Independent Radio Project (CHIRP). Proof that independent radio lives on in this town.

Doughnuts. Bon Appetit got it right when it ranked Dat Donuts (8249 S. Cottage Grove Ave.) among its Top 10.



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Pizza? Bah. **Harold's Chicken.** The 103rd Street location (10259 S. Halsted St.) arguably is the best of the chain.



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We couldn't possibly have included all of Chicago's greatness in one list. Go online and tell us what you would've picked.



Ronnie Woo-Woo.

A mysterious Chicago institution who seemingly has met everyone in the city.

Molly Brennan, 500 Clown company member and Jeff Award-winning actor

Saint Alfred (1531 N. Milwaukee Ave.) and **Leaders 1354** (672 N. Wells St.), hot shopping spots for limited edition sneakers. They're so influential that Nike wanted to team up for a special concept store.

Metal-band burger names at Kuma's Corner (2900 W. Belmont Ave.)



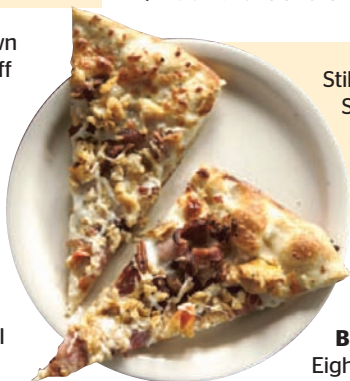
Ever-rotating lighted window messages on downtown skyscrapers. Who does that, anyway?

Annual **House Music Reunion Picnic** (July 10) at 63rd and Hayes. Let there be House!

Victory Gardens Theater (2433 N. Lincoln Ave.) inside the historic Biograph

The Bloomingdale Trail, 2.7 miles of abandoned railroad tracks along Bloomingdale Avenue providing a train's-eye view of Bucktown and beyond.

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ETA Creative Arts Foundation (7558 S. South Chicago Ave.)

The eclectic jukebox at River North dive bar Rossi's (412 N. State St.). A rotation that would not be out of the ordinary: MGMT, NWA, Gwar.

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Chicago fest season. City-touted street fests (Belmont/Sheffield Music Fest and Randolph Street Market Festival this weekend alone), and neighborhood-coordinated block parties galore.

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8 p.m. \$10. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. housecallent.com

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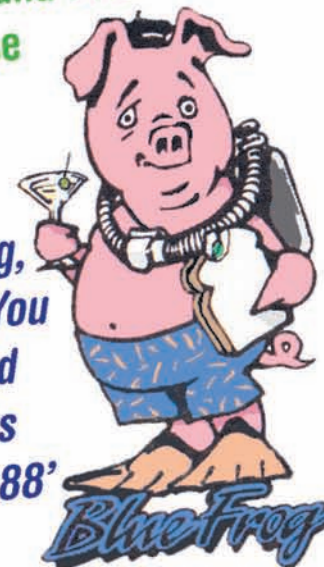
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SIMON SAYS ...

Here are some of Simon Cowell's most memorable put-downs over the years:

» **To an auditioner who sang "Unchained Melody":** "I think you just killed my favorite song."

» **To Season 7 runner-up David Archuleta after he sang Chris Brown's "With You":** "Your performance was a little bit like a Chihuahua trying to be a tiger."

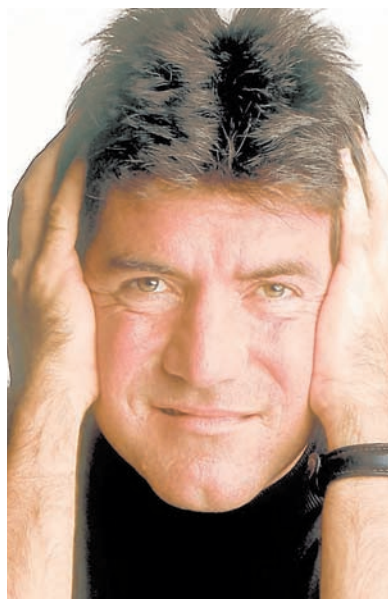
» **To numerous auditioners:** "That was absolutely dreadful."

» **To Season 7 finalist Jason Castro after he sang "Mr. Tambourine Man":** "I'd pack your suitcase."

» **To Season 9 finalist Michael Lynche after he sang "Miss You":** "The dancing was kind of corny, verging at times on a tiny bit desperate."

» **To an auditioner:** "There are only so many words I can drag out of my vocabulary to say how awful that is."

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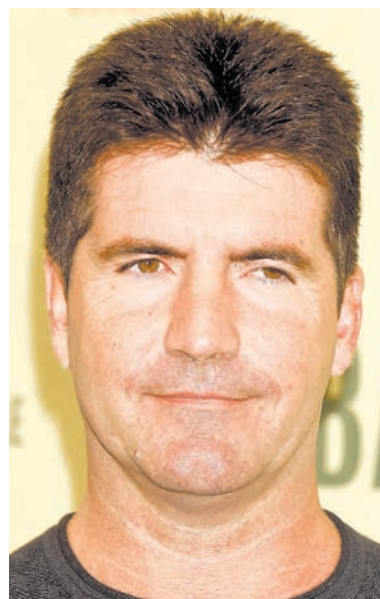
MR. MEAN

Regardless of that guy who tried to run you off the road last Friday, we are fundamentally a polite society, given to saying "please" and "thank you," while eschewing sharp verbal assaults on those who may, nevertheless, richly deserve them. By dispensing with the niceties, Cowell created something inherently fascinating and inherently foreign—the mean TV personality.



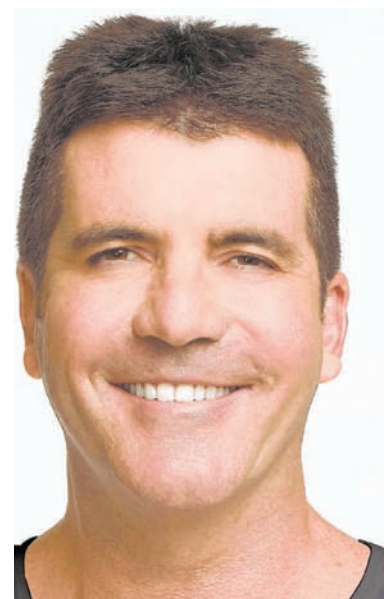
MR. BUZZKILL

TV is often all about hype—selling us stuff we may not want, or telling us something is wonderful that we suspect is not. "Idol" is often all about hype, too. First one judge, then another, affirms that the performance was "brilliant" or "inspiring." The contestant bows his head in reverence and seemingly sincere gratitude. And then Simon speaks: "I didn't think it was an incredible performance. It was OK." The audience boos. He turns: "Can I finish?" And he does. Mr. Buzzkill pulls the runaway balloon back to Earth. Reality sets in. Yeah, maybe that wasn't so great after all. In fact, it wasn't.



MR. COMPASSION

The early circus rounds excepted, there's often just the barest element of compassion in Cowell's critiques. Fans have long detected a higher purpose in his criticism. These weren't mere put-downs, but constructive put-downs—words of advice as opposed to spitballs. People need to hear the truth, he insists. The truth will set them free—or at least make them realize they shouldn't waste their lives pursuing a career they were never cut out for. Implicit in Cowell's criticism was always this message: To become a success in the music industry, you've got to navigate past brutal, borderline sadists in the executive suite and fickle audience tastes and ferocious market competition. Even then, success is a long shot. Better get used to some tough love right now, or you're dead.



MR. TRUTH

Music is not easily or always productively defined in terms of "truth." It's a big subjective world out there, and what may have been sublime to Paula Abdul made Cowell's ears bleed. Fundamentals do still apply. Pitch and tone are measurable. A C-sharp is meant to be sung as a C-sharp, and not as a D-sharp. All "Idol" wannabes cover the songs of artists and should—presumably—sing those songs the way they ought to be sung. Sure, "make the song your own"—as the judges say—but don't butcher it in the process. Cowell has always seemed to have the surest grasp of this "Idol" dictum. Did Simon get judgments wrong? More often than we have room to recall. But he mostly was right.



'American Idol' finale

» Tuesday, Fox, 7 p.m.
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'AMERICAN IDOL' FINALE PREDICTION

Former Chicago resident Crystal Bowersox (left) and Mount Prospect native Lee DeWyze are in a virtual dead heat as they go into their final performances at 7 p.m. Tuesday on Fox. DeWyze came on strong last week and seems to be the judges' pick, so I'm giving him a slight edge. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

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8 p.m. Tuesday, Fox

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- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) 12:45,3:00,4:00,6:15,7:15,9:30,10:30
- **MacGruber** (R) ♦ 1:15,3:30,5:45,8:15,10:50
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 1:30,2:30,4:30,5:30,7:30,8:45,10:40
- **Letters to Juliet** (PG) 1:45,4:15,7:00,9:45
- **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) 1:00,3:15,11:00
- **Date Night** (PG-13) 2:15,5:00,8:00,10:10

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- **Princess Kaiulani** (PG) 1:50,4:20,7:00,9:45
- **The Secret in Their Eyes** (R) 1:00,4:05,7:10,10:05
- **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (NR) 1:05,4:25,8:15
- **Exit Through the Gift Shop** (R) 1:45,4:30,7:45,10:15
- **Harry Brown** (R) 1:30,7:20
- **Casino Jack and the United States of Money** (R) 4:00,9:50
- **Please Give** (R) 1:40,4:15,7:15,9:40

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- **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) ★ 9:45,10:30,12:15,1:00,2:45,3:30,5:15,6:00,7:45,8:30
- **MacGruber** (R) ★ 11:00,1:30,4:00,6:30,9:00
- **Shrek Forever After** (PG) ★ 11:30,2:00,4:30,7:00
- **Just Wright** (PG) ★ 10:00,12:30,3:00,5:40,8:15
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) ★ 10:15,11:40,12:50,1:45,3:20,4:10,4:45,6:40,7:30,8:00
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 12:00,12:40,1:20,3:10,3:45,4:20,6:15,6:45,7:15
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:15,2:30,5:30,8:45
- **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) 10:45,1:10,3:40,6:05,8:40
- **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) 11:50,2:15,5:00,7:20

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
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- **The Joneses** (R) 5:30,7:40,9:50
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) ★ 4:20,7:10,9:50
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 4:45,7:15,9:45
- **Babies** (PG) 5:45,7:30,9:15

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
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- **MacGruber** (R) 12:20,2:40,5:00,7:30,9:45
- **Shrek Forever After** (PG) ♦ 12:15,1:15,2:00,2:45,3:45,4:30,5:15,6:15,7:00,7:45,8:45,9:30,10:00
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) 1:40,2:55,4:50,6:00,8:10,9:05
- **Just Wright** (PG) 12:45,1:50,3:10,4:20,5:30,6:50,8:00,9:15,10:15
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 12:15,1:10,2:10,3:00,4:10,5:10,6:10,7:10,8:15,9:10,10:00
- **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) 12:30,2:50,5:20,6:30,7:50,9:00,10:10
- **Death at a Funeral** (R) 2:20,7:20
- **The Losers** (PG-13) 4:45,9:40
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) 1:45,4:00

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- **Stray Dog** (NR) 6:00 P.M.
- **Summer in Genoa** (NR) 6:15 P.M.
- **The Shock Doctrine** (NR) 8:15 P.M.
- **Nobody's Perfect** (NR) 8:30 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE
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- **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) 2:15,4:25,6:35,8:40
- **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) 2:10,4:15,6:20,8:30
- **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) 2:00,4:00,6:05,8:10
- **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) 2:05,4:10,6:15,8:20

MUSIC BOX
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- **Mother and Child** (R) 4:30,7:00,9:30
- **Babies** (PG) 5:30,7:30
- **The Human Centipede** (NR) 9:30 P.M.

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)
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- AMC Independent **Kites** (NR) 3:30,6:20
- AMC Independent **Mother and Child** (R) 1:50,4:40,7:30
- AMC Independent **Babies** (PG) 1:40,3:45,5:45,7:45
- AMC Independent **City Island** (PG-13) 2:00,7:00
- AMC Independent **Greenberg** (R) 4:30 P.M.

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- **MacGruber** (R) 11:30,12:30,2:00,3:00,4:45,5:45,7:30,8:30,10:15
- **Shrek Forever After** (PG) ♦ 11:00,1:40,4:20,7:00,9:45
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) 11:15,12:15,1:30,2:30,3:30,4:50,5:50,6:50,8:20,9:20,10:20
- **Letters to Juliet** (PG) 11:40,1:20,2:25,4:15,5:15,8:05,10:50
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) ♦ 11:20,12:20,1:35,2:35,3:35,4:55,6:00,6:55,8:15,9:10,10:10
- **Just Wright** (PG) 11:10,1:45,4:25,7:15,10:00
- **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) ♦ 11:05,1:25,3:45,6:10,8:40
- AMC Independent **Babies** (PG) 11:35,2:05,4:30,6:40,9:00
- **Death at a Funeral** (R) 12:45,3:10,5:30,10:40
- **Kick-Ass** (R) 11:50,2:45,5:40,8:35
- **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) 8:00 P.M.
- **Date Night** (PG-13) ♦ 12:50,3:05,5:25,7:40,10:05
- **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) 11:25,2:10,4:35,7:10,9:40

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- **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) ★ 1:45,2:15,4:15,4:45,6:45,7:15,9:15,9:45
- **MacGruber** (R) ★ 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,9:50
- **Shrek Forever After** (PG) ★ 12:15,1:00,2:45,3:30,5:15,6:15,7:45,8:45,10:15
- **Just Wright** (PG) ★ 12:10,2:40,5:10,7:50,10:20
- **Letters to Juliet** (PG) ★ 12:45,1:40,3:40,4:10,6:30,7:20,9:00,10:05
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) ★ 12:30,1:20,3:10,3:45,4:50,6:20,7:00,8:00,9:20,10:10
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 12:20,12:50,1:30,3:20,4:00,4:30,6:40,7:10,7:40,9:30,10:00,10:30
- **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) 12:40,3:00,5:20,8:10,10:25
- **Furry Vengeance** (PG) 2:20,4:40
- **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) 6:55,9:40
- **Date Night** (PG-13) 1:15,3:50,6:10,8:20,10:35
- **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) 1:50,4:20,6:50,9:10

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)
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- **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) ★ 10:00,12:20,2:45,5:15,7:40
- **Shrek Forever After** (PG) ★ 11:30,2:00,4:30,7:00
- **Letters to Juliet** (PG) ★ 10:50,11:50,12:30,1:50,2:50,3:40,4:40,6:15,6:45,7:20
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) ★ 10:10,11:20,12:10,1:20,2:40,3:50,4:50,6:30,7:10,8:00
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 10:30,12:00,1:30,3:00,4:20,6:00,7:30
- **Date Night** (PG-13) 11:00,2:15,5:00,7:50

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- **MacGruber** (R) ★ 1:10,3:50,6:10,8:30,10:45
- **Shrek Forever After** (PG) ★ 12:15,1:40,2:40,4:10,5:10,6:50,7:50,9:10,10:10
- **Just Wright** (PG) ★ 1:15,2:15,3:45,4:45,6:45,7:40,9:15,10:15
- **Letters to Juliet** (PG) ★ 1:20,4:00,7:00,9:45
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) ★ 12:40,1:45,2:50,4:00,4:50,6:15,7:15,8:15,9:20,10:20
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 12:30,1:30,3:30,4:30,6:30,7:30,9:30,10:30
- **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) 1:50,4:15,6:40,9:00
- **Death at a Funeral** (R) 7:45,10:00
- **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) 2:30,5:00

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- **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) ★ 2:10,4:40,7:20,9:40
- **MacGruber** (R) ★ 1:00,3:45,6:10,8:30,10:50
- **Shrek Forever After** (PG) ★ 12:15,1:10,1:40,2:40,3:40,4:10,5:10,6:20,6:50,7:50,8:40,9:10,10:10
- **Just Wright** (PG) ★ 2:15,4:45,7:40,10:15
- **Letters to Juliet** (PG) ★ 1:20,4:20,7:00,9:45
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) ★ 12:40,1:40,2:50,3:50,4:50,6:15,7:15,8:15,9:20,10:20
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 12:30,1:30,3:00,3:30,4:30,6:05,6:30,7:30,9:00,9:30,10:30
- **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) 1:50,4:15,6:40,9:15

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- **MacGruber** (R) ★ 12:30,2:50,5:15,7:30,9:50
- **Shrek Forever After** (PG) ★ 1:40,4:10,6:40,9:15
- **Just Wright** (PG) ★ 12:50,1:50,3:20,4:30,6:20,7:20,9:00,10:10
- **Letters to Juliet** (PG) ★ 1:15,4:20,7:15,10:20
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) ★ 12:00,1:30,3:45,4:50,6:50,8:00,9:55,11:10
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- **Date Night** (PG-13) 1:20,3:50,6:00,8:20,10:50

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- **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) ★ 12:00,2:20,4:40,7:00,9:20
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) ★ 12:55,1:55,3:30,4:50,6:45,7:45,9:40
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 1:45,4:30,7:15,10:00
- **Date Night** (PG-13) 1:05,3:10,5:15,7:20,9:25

EVANSTON CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)
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- **MacGruber** (R) ★ 11:15,1:30,3:50,6:10,8:30,10:50
- **Shrek Forever After** (PG) ★ 11:25,12:35,1:50,3:00,4:15,5:25,6:40,7:50,9:05,10:15
- **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) ★ 1:10,3:35,6:05,8:25,10:55
- **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) ★ 12:00,2:25,4:50,7:15,9:40
- **Babies** (PG) 12:50,2:55,5:10,7:20,9:30
- **City Island** (PG-13) 11:20,1:45,4:10
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- **Letters to Juliet** (PG) ★ 11:30,12:40,2:05,3:10,4:35,5:50,7:10,8:20,9:45
- **Please Give** (R) 12:30,2:50,5:20,7:40,10:05
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) ★ 12:10,1:05,2:15,3:15,4:20,5:30,6:30,7:30,8:35,9:50,10:45
- **The Secret in Their Eyes** (R) 1:00,4:05,7:35,10:35

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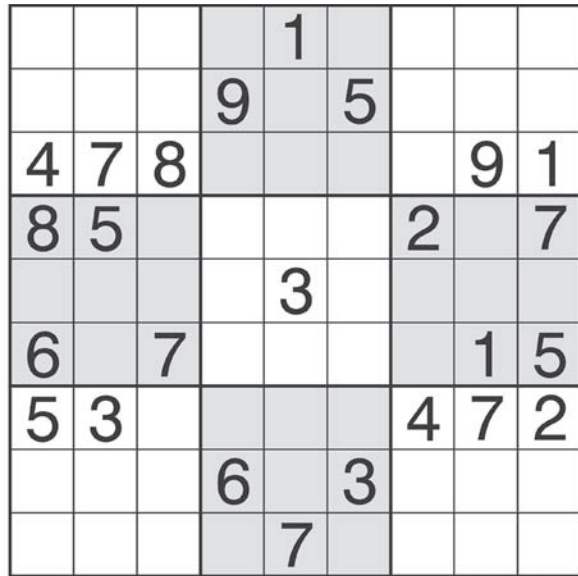


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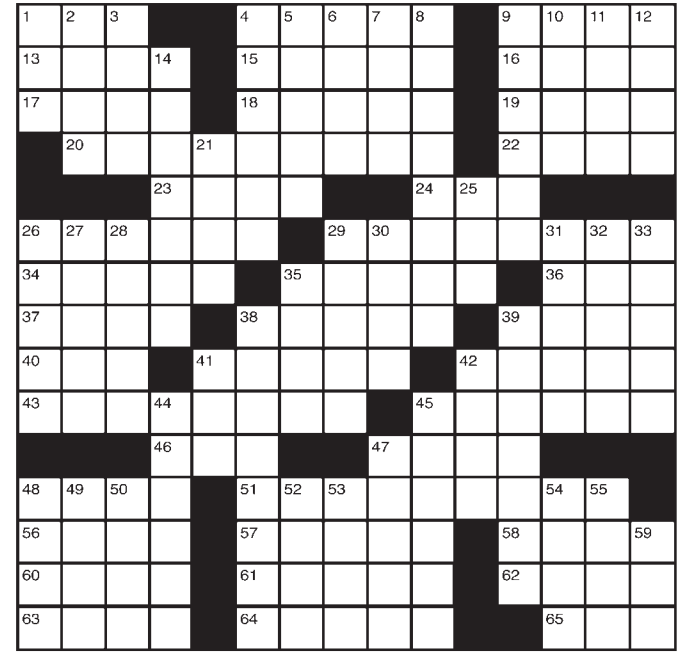
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- 1 "For _ a Jolly Good Fellow"
- 4 Yearns
- 9 Airhead
- 13 Decorates a cake
- 15 Fine-grained rock
- 16 "So be it!"
- 17 Word of disgust
- 18 Brief
- 19 Tidy
- 20 Bald-faced
- 22 Take apart
- 23 Frolic
- 24 Hit a tennis ball in a high arc
- 26 Head Hun
- 29 Short dagger
- 34 Prevailing tendency
- 35 Unable to see
- 36 Clumsy fellow
- 37 Breathing organ
- 38 Adhere
- 39 _ for; seek
- 40 Donkey
- 41 Topped with froth
- 42 Twilled fabric
- 43 Furtive; sneaky
- 45 Ozzie or Willie
- 46 Little child
- 47 Iran's currency
- 48 Engrave
- 51 Buenos Aires' nation
- 56 Unclothed
- 57 Measuring instrument
- 58 Boo-hoo
- 60 Went over like _ of bricks
- 61 Pizzazz
- 62 Healthy
- 63 Chatters
- 64 Answer
- 65 Egg layer

DOWN

- 1 Concealed
- 2 Neutral color
- 3 Actor Connery
- 4 Wheezer's ailment, perhaps
- 5 Inexpensive
- 6 Injure
- 7 Otherwise
- 8 Young plant
- 9 Second longest river in Europe
- 10 Sign of the future
- 11 Deceased
- 12 Hold _; clutch
- 14 Gazing
- 21 Auctioneer's cry
- 25 Ancient
- 26 Van Lines; moving



- 27 company
- 28 Confidence
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the final countdown

Series leave with a bang and a whimper

By Emily Rosenbaum Maka

REDEYE

Bret Michaels, his health woes and his ever-present bandanna couldn't best "Lost." The numbers for the live finale Sunday of "Celebrity Apprentice," during which the rocker was given the nod by Donald Trump, were pretty impressive, however. "Apprentice" grabbed 9.3 million viewers, up from last year. "Lost" won the night with a healthy 13.5 million viewers, according to early Nielsen ratings. That marked the show's highest-rated telecast in two years, but it's not a record for a series finale. The finale of "Mr. Belvedere," for instance, bested that number, [eonline.com](http://online.com) notes. (Remember, we live in a very fragmented TV world with near-limitless viewing options these days.)

Fan reaction was all over the map, with many still plagued by questions about the Sideways world, the island's purpose and what it all meant, and others insisting that such loose ends don't matter because in the end there was a sense of moving on. "Blind alleys and red herrings are part of what makes 'Lost' what it is," the Tribune's Maureen Ryan wrote on her blog. "I truly respect those who wanted more logical resolution, but, based on past performance, I wasn't expecting every 'Lost' story thread to pay off down the road. And what we did get ... in my view, more than makes up for what we didn't get."

Co-creator Damon Lindelof tweeted [eonline.com](http://online.com) Monday with what he said will be his last words about "Lost": "Remember. Let go. Move on. I will miss it more than I can ever say."

HOW DO FINALE NUMBERS STACK UP?



Sunday's 'Celebrity Apprentice' finale drew 9.3 million viewers ...



... but that couldn't beat the series finale of 'Lost' with 13.5 million viewers ...



... which still trailed the 'Mr. Belvedere' series finale in 1990, according to E!



Matthew Fox on 'Lost.'



Kiefer Sutherland on '24.'

Time's up

After eight seasons, hundreds of thousands of deaths and one cougar, time finally ran out for Jack Bauer and "24" on Monday.

The super-agent played by Kiefer Sutherland saved the day, but not without more murder, mayhem and assistance

from his CTU mainstay, Chloe O'Brian (Mary Lynn Rajsckub). What else would you expect from a series that stirred controversy from the very beginning by the way it dealt with the fight against terrorism, the use of torture and oh-so-many killings?

What happened in the final moments, as the clock ticked down, was fitting, too, and in many ways more satisfying than the "Lost" series finale.

The only question left unanswered for "24" fans is: When will the movie version hit theaters?



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'Law & Order' goes quietly

Did you notice that "Law & Order" ended its impressive 20-season run Monday night? The granddaddy of police procedurals called it quits with a final case that put detectives Lupo (Jeremy Sisto) and Bernard (Anthony Anderson) on the trail of an angry blogger who threatened to blow up a school, The Cleveland Plain Dealer reported. Skier Lindsey Vonn was the last guest star.

That was it. No special two-hour finale. No retrospective special. Less than two weeks ago we learned that "Law & Order" wasn't being renewed, so there wasn't much time to prepare to say goodbye.

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A whole lotta Paula

Paula Abdul is back. Abdul will be a big part of "Got to Dance," the U.S. edition of the U.K. dance-off show, CBS announced Monday. Not only will the former "American Idol" judge be the show's main judge, she'll also serve as—brace yourself—executive producer, creative partner, mentor and coach. Abdul, as always, is stoked about nurturing young talent. "Compelling stories, exciting competition and amazing dance performances are guaranteed," she said in the announcement.

LiLo has a shiny new accessory

Lindsay Lohan avoided jail but will have to sport an alcohol-detection anklet, take alcohol-education classes and be tested for drugs, according to the Los Angeles Times. A Beverly Hills judge ordered the restrictions Monday after Lohan missed a mandatory court appearance last week. Her attorneys argued against weekly random drug and alcohol testing in L.A., saying she'll be filming in Texas. The judge wasn't moved.

Jeans and jams

Put on your jeans and listen to some tunes. Levi's has launched a series of free downloads featuring current artists covering older songs. The first download is Nas doing his take on Slick Rick's "Hey Young World." The Swell Season, Dirty Projectors and She & Him also have recorded songs for the project. Go to levi.com to start downloading.

Twitter is soooooo 2009

Ashton Kutcher rules Twitter no more. As of Monday afternoon, Britney Spears had 4,955,768 followers, while Kutcher had 4,944,221 followers. "WOW!!!! #1 on Twitter," she wrote. "Thank you! Tweet me some questions this morning! xoxo—Brit." So, what does Kutcher think about losing his Twitter title? "I don't care," he tweeted, according to people.com.



"The only way I'd be caught without makeup is if my radio fell in the bathtub while I was taking a bath and electrocuted me. ... I hope my husband would slap a little lipstick on me before he took me to the morgue."

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